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BY THE
Lord Justice General,
AND
General Governor
OF
IRELAND;
A
PROCLAMATION.

CHARLES PORTER,

Whereas several Houses, Lands, Tenements, Securities, Debts, Goods and Chattels, lately belonging to several Persons in this Kingdom Attainted for High-Treason by them severally Committed against His Majesty, and the late Queen of Blessed Memory, are thereby become Forfeited unto His Majesty, and by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm ought to be Held and Enjoyed by His Majesty, yet the same are Concealed and With-held from him by several Persons having no Right or Title thereunto. And

Whereas several Persons do set up several pretended Titles, and Claim several Interests, Debts, Charges and Incumbrances as of Right belonging and due to them on several of the Forfeited Estates now in His Majesty's possession in this Kingdom, which were either in Trust for the Forfeiting Persons, or some of them, or are long since Discharged, satisfied and paid, and in all Justice ought to be given up, Cancelled, or otherwise Vacated, by means whereof His Majesty has been greatly Damned, and the Revenue and Advantages Arising by the said Forfeitures much Lessened.

For Remedyng therefore of those Inconveniences, as far as in His Eyes, and for the due Encouraging of all Persons whatsoever that shall Discover such Forfeited Interests, as aforesaid, which are Concealed and With-held from



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from his Majesty, and that shall make out his Majesty's Title therunto. We Do by this Our Proclamation Promise, Publish and Declare that Every Person and Persons who shall make such Discovery of any such Concealed Forfeited houses, Lands, Tenements, Incumbrances, Debts, Goods and Chattels to the Commissioners of his Majesty's Revenue in this Kingdom or any part of them, shall have for his, her, and their several Rewards, one Equal fourth part of the several houses, Lands, Tenements, Incumbrances, Debts, Goods and Chattels by him or them so Respectively Discovered, as aforesaid, to Enjoy to him, her, and them Respectively, his, her, and their Respective Heirs, Executors and Administrators, according to the Nature and Quality of the Interest that shall be so Discovered. And we will take Effectual Care that the said fourth part of the said Discovery shall be Legally Assured to such Discoverer and Discoverers accordingly. And we do further hereby Promise, Publish and Declare that Every Person and Persons who shall hereafter Discover the Falsity of the pretended Titles and Claimes of such Person or Persons who pretend to have Estates, Interests, Charges, or Incumbrances on any the Forfeited Estates or Interests in his Majesty's hands, and shall prove the same accordingly, so that the several Estates or Interests so pretended to be therewith Charged, be freed and Discharged from the same, that then and in Every such Case Every such Discoverer and Discoverers Respectively, shall have and Receive for his, her, and their Respective Rewards, one fourth part of the Value of such pretended Title, Debt, Charge or Incumbrance, from which they shall thereby Discharge any of the said Forfeited Estates. And to the End that there may be no Dispute who shall be taken or Adjudged to be the first Discoverer, we do hereby Require the said Commissioners of the Revenue, or any three of them, immediately on the finding and making out his Majesty's Title, as aforesaid, to give Certificates under their hands to the person and Persons so Discovering, and making out the King's Title, as aforesaid, and so likewise in Discovering and Detecting the fraud or Deceit put on his Majesty by such pretended Titles, Interests, Debts Charges and Incumbrances.

Given at His Majesty's Castle of Dublin, the 16th. Day of July, 1696.

By His Excellencies Command.

Arch. Podmore.

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